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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write to call to your attention to the indefinite shutdown of the I-10 freeway in Los Angeles. On November 11, 2023, a large fire broke out in a lot underneath the I-10, damaging the stability of the freeway and necessitating its closure. The affected section connects to the I-5, and Routes, 60, 101, & 110, and over 300,000 vehicles use this road daily. It is an essential traffic corridor in the Los Angeles area and its closure is causing significant traffic disruptions.

As you know, the federal law allows your office to fund the “repair or reconstruction of highways... that the Secretary finds have suffered serious damage as a result of catastrophic failure from any external cause.” (Title 23, USC, Section 125). I strongly encourage you to use this authorization to provide any support deemed necessary for the rapid reopening of this freeway.

Thank you for your attention to this request, and I look forward to continuing to work with you on this important matter.

Mike Garcia  
Member of Congress